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(U) San Diego – Former Hospital Worker Accused of Stealing Patient Data for Unemployment Claims

(U) A former employee of Scripps Health in San Diego is accused of stealing the personal information of dozens of patients as part of a scheme to file fraudulent pandemic-related unemployment claims in their names, according to a federal complaint. Matthew Lombardo is one of seven people charged in two separate investigations surrounding the use of stolen identities to file for pandemic employment assistance under the CARES Act, the US attorney's office said yesterday. Lombardo, 52, of San Diego worked as a patient financial service representative at Scripps Health, a job that included meeting with patients to obtain their personal identifying information — such as birth date, employment and reason for seeking medical care — as well as verifying insurance coverage, according to an affidavit filed with the complaint.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, LA Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Ohio – Man Charged with Attempted Hate Crime, Plotting Mass Shooting of Women

(U) Hillsboro – A federal grand jury has charged a self-identified "Incel" with attempting to conduct a mass shooting of women and with illegally possessing a machine gun. Tres Genco, 21, of Hillsboro, Ohio, allegedly plotted to commit a hate crime, namely, a plan to shoot women at a university in Ohio. He was arrested by federal agents yesterday. Genco identified as an Incel or "involuntary celibate." The Incel movement is an online community of predominantly men who harbor anger towards women. Incels advocate violence in support of their belief that women unjustly deny them sexual or romantic attention to which they believe they are entitled. According to the indictment, Genco maintained profiles on a popular Incel website from at least July 2019 through mid-March 2020. Genco was a frequent poster on the site.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, DOJ

(U) New York – Nine Individuals Charged for Acting as Illegal Agents of the People's Republic of China (U) New York City – A federal grand jury in New York filed an indictment today charging nine defendants with acting and conspiring to act in the United States as illegal agents of the People's Republic of China (PRC) without prior notification to the Attorney General, and engaging and conspiring to engage in interstate and international stalking. Two of the nine defendants are also charged with obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice. According to court documents, the defendants allegedly acted at the direction and under the control of PRC government officials, conducted surveillance of and engaged in a campaign to harass, stalk and coerce certain residents of the United States to return to the PRC as part of a global, concerted and extralegal repatriation effort known as "Operation Fox Hunt."

SOURCE: 21 July, 2021, <u>DOJ</u>

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(U) Somalia - Al-Shabab Threatens to Disrupt Upcoming Somali Elections

(U) Mogadishu – Somali terrorist group al-Shabab has threatened to attack electoral delegates who will be choosing lawmakers in parliamentary elections beginning next week. The Islamist militant group has threatened to disrupt the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections in the Horn of Africa country. The leader of the group, Ahmed Abu Ubaidah, said Tuesday they are opposed to the poll process and threatened the electoral delegates. He said the delegates should not be deceived by the empty promises such as financial benefit and secret ballot, and should think of the destiny of previous delegates who took part in 2017 elections, some who were killed and others still live in fear. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for attacks that killed dozens of delegates during the last election process in 2017. SOURCE: 21 July 2021, VOA

(U) Spain – Man Arrested in Connection with Alleged Role in Twitter Hack

(U) Estepona – A citizen of the United Kingdom was arrested yesterday in Estepona, Spain, by Spanish National Police pursuant to a US request for his arrest on multiple charges in connection with the July 2020 hack of Twitter that resulted in the compromise of over 130 Twitter accounts, including those belonging to politicians, celebrities and companies. Joseph O'Connor, 22, is charged by criminal complaint filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of California. According to court documents, in addition to the July 15, 2020, hack of Twitter, O'Connor is charged with computer intrusions related to takeovers of TikTok and Snapchat user accounts. O'Connor is also charged with cyberstalking a juvenile victim.

SOURCE: 21 July, 2021, <u>DOJ</u>

(U) United Kingdom – Neo-Nazi Student Jailed for Terror and Hate Crimes

(U) Bath – A neo-Nazi student who created two extremist groups and promoted a "distorted and wicked cause" has been jailed. Andrew Dymock, 24, from Bath, led the outlawed groups System Resistance Network (SRN) and Sonnenkrieg Division. A judge said Dymock was "driven by an extremist mindset" and had taken the path of "total hatred and bigotry". He was convicted of 15 offenses and jailed for seven years, with a further three years on extended license. Dymock's trial in June heard he used the SRN website and a Twitter account to state that Jewish people should be exterminated and encourage lone actor terror attacks. He advocated for societal collapse and a race war and called for gay people to be "purged" from society.

SOURCE: 21 July 2021, BBC

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